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Editorial.

Receipts—Henceforth, subscribers will find their receipt folded in their paper. Please preserve for reference.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Brother Geo. B. Taylor, our missionary to Rome, with his family, has reached this country.

If you are due the Record anything, please send it in early, as we shall need it. Do not forget it.

The sermon on first page is especially suited to the present time.

The Examiner thinks that any man who stirs up sectional animosities, henceforth, should be regarded as a public enemy. Right at last.

Elder R. A. Venable has been visiting friends in Clinton for some time. He delighted us all with a prayer-meeting talk and a sermon rich with the fitness of the gospel.

Our beloved Brother Carr, of Weira, has been blessed in the conversion of a son, the last of the family out of the ark. We rejoice with him.

Elder H. M. Long has been down to Leaf River and Salem churches, Covington county, aiding in meetings. He reports a profitable and delightful season with the good people of his former charges.

We go to press with a great press on our columns. Condense, brethren, but continue to send us the good news. How wonderfully God is reviving his people.

Bro. Dr. Babl, of Cherry Creek, has some good ideas as to utilizing our fifth Sunday meeting in the interest of missions. Dr. write them out fully for our readers.

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God in giving us abundant crops and so generally reviving the churches, and in view of the great need for enlargement in every direction, the Board have felt constrained to ask the churches to materially advance their contributions. It is believed that

Twenty-five thousand dollars is not too great a sum to ask the Baptists of the Convention to give to all their benevolent agencies during the current year. This has been distributed among the several objects as follows:

State Missions.....\$10,000
Mississippi College and Ministerial Education.....6,500
Foreign Missions.....6,500
Home Missions.....1,500
Sustentation.....500

The Board, in thus distributing the amount to be raised, was guided by what it was reasonable to hope the churches would give, rather than by what they thought each object merited.

For the sake of definiteness, these sums will be apportioned to the Associations, with the request that these bodies take steps to raise their apportionments. But it must be understood that neither the Board nor the Secretary assumes to bind the Associations. We only request that the Associations make the effort to do so much for each object. The apportionments will be made known in due time.

QUARTERLY COLLECTIONS.

Every church in the Convention bounds is requested to arrange for quarterly collections as follows: One quarter for State missions; one for Mississippi College and ministerial education jointly; one for foreign missions; one for home missions. A special collection, at the convenience of the churches, is asked for Sustentation. Will not the Associations encourage these collections, and will not the churches early arrange for them? The order of the collections is left without suggestion, to the churches.

A REQUEST.

Earnest efforts will be made to bring the various interests of the Board before all the Associations at their approaching meetings. At a recent meeting, the Executive Committee passed the following: "That the members of this Board, and all other brethren, be earnestly requested to co-operate with the Secretary in visiting the Associations, as requested by the Secretary." A great many brethren will hear from the Secretary on that subject.

A SERIOUS MATTER.

The State Mission Board was compelled to transfer to this Board a debt. The Convention at Aberdeen passed the following:

Resolved, 1. That this Convention regard as its own the debt of \$1,265 45, which was incurred to meet the obligations of the State Board.

2. That we instruct our new Board to represent us, and make the best disposition of it that their wisdom in a direct, and equitable manner is seen as possible.

This is a serious matter, first, because the parties who advanced this money want it, and, second, because it is a hindrance to the much needed enlargement of the State mission department of the Convention Board's work. It really must be paid, and will be if the churches will redeem their pledges at the Associations. Brethren, see to it that there is not one cent behind when you go up to your annual meeting.

FINALLY.

In this department of the Record will be found, from week to week, helpful information as to the work in all its branches. Now, brethren, we beseech you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ that you be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

J. B. GAMBRELL,
Cor. Sec. of Con. Bd.

THE TRIAL OF FAITH.

Some quaint scenes in an armor establishment are interesting in the illustration they afford of some of life's darker pages, and in the lessons they teach of the wisdom and purpose of some of the severe tests that now and again walk in the straight and narrow way.

On the walls of the Armor's shop hang rows of gleaming shields. A young soldier is there being furnished with a shield. The armor-bearer's sinewy arm, and the young soldier holds the shield before him, he strikes blow after blow upon its shining surface with weapons fashioned for its testing. The gleaming blows raise such a din that the soldier's ears are faint to seek the rest and refreshment of silence. He staggers under the armor-bearer's blows until at last he cries out impatiently for the reason of such rough usage.

"I am testing your shield and teaching you how to use it. On the field it must protect you from

many fierce blows of the enemy. Other parts of your armor may remain intact, your shield must bear the brunt of the onslaught from every foe."

"But see, you are so encumbered that you cannot use your shield to the best advantage," and the armor-bearer unclasps the costly outer-garment from about the young soldier's neck, folds and lays it away in a place of safety; anon he takes away this encumbrance and lessens that hindrance so that the shield rests firmly on the strong left arm.

Was there not the utmost faithfulness and wisest love in the seeming severity of the armorer?

He was testing the shield and developing the strength and dexterity of the arm that henceforth must bear that shield.

A close analogy of this is found in the trial of faith to which God often subjects those whom he chooses for arduous service. He gives the shield and finding that some prized possession hinders the handling of the shield, he looses it from about the neck and lays it away in safety. Friends stand too close and hedge about too strongly with their love, and so with firm but loving hand God moves this one far from us, shuts that one away from our tender gaze and stills the strong, loving sympathetic heart of yet another till we grope blindly and wonderingly draw our shield of faith close over the heart and ask with white, anguish lips, "why this test?" We do not see that this is the preparation for some higher, grander service. We cannot know that the training which lops off this affection, nips that hope and lays our pride and ambition in the dust nerves the arm for great victories and arms frail humanity with a firm and noble purpose and an unflinching allegiance to the King Eternal.

Surely it must minister to our joyful endurance to bear in mind, that the same hand that fashioned our shield is the hand that strips us of the encumbering garments of pride and pleasure, and presses with firm but loving touch that shield above hearts that else, though loyal, must be pierced by many of the armor-bearer's cruel darts. The Great Armor-bearer tries our shields, he has made them, and every touch and blow of his must make them stronger.

We sometimes are timorous and would fain shrink from the trial, but he knows what we need to prepare us for the conflict, and so the work of preparation goes on. Once in the field and then the enemies' darts begin to fly. Here is one aimed straight to the heart, and as it flies through the air it hisses in this ear: "your trials are too great; if you were such an object of tender love to God, he, in pity, would spare you such sore trials; but his fiery venom can be quenched upon the invincible shield, fashioned by hand Divine and tried till, more precious than gold, it shall never fall the humble soldier. In a sense, the tests applied to one soldier's shield strengthens his comrades', also. The custom of fighting a *tedado* gave strength and protection to each soldier in the phalanx, so in our spiritual warfare we are strengthened by locking our shields.

Some there be who profess to have reached a point in the conflict where faith is no more tried, where no service, no sacrifice, no bereavement puts any test upon faith. Well, it may be so; but those who have done most valiant service have confessed that baptisms of struggle, sorrow, and crucifixion of self have preceded every field of victorious fight. It is natural that

tests, and the dread will last as long as we are where the poison damps of mortal life have sway, but the love which gave the sure promise of being "more than conquerors" shall nerve us till the shield shall be exchanged for palms of victory and crowns of rejoicing.

LOUISIANA NOTES.

Brother Reese says, "I congratulate the Board on the appointment of a Secretary. It is the very best that could be made."

Where are our young men who want to study with a view to the ministry. The Board has not heard of a single one yet.

We want to speak to every family in Louisiana through the columns of the RECORD. Send on your subscriptions direct to the office at Clinton.

Our missionary pastor, Rev. A. P. Scofield is out among the churches north of Red River holding meetings with the pastors and gathering up some money to help complete his two houses at Pineville and Opelousas.

The Central Association will meet at "New Hope Grant" church on the 3rd of Oct. The church is about five miles from Montgomery.

Two were received into the Arcadia church by baptism. There were eight received into the Walnut Creek church, six by baptism.

Brother T. J. Humble writes us a very interesting letter giving much needed information about the case in that part of the State in which he labors. Many thanks, Brother Humble!

Will Brother B. O. Owens, of Walnut Hill, inform us when and where the Vernon Association meets and how to get to it? Will Judge Bussey tell us when the Robt. Mason Association meets, and send us minutes of last year?

The Sabine Association had no meeting last year. It was to have met at Walnut Creek church on the 10th of October. We regret that the brethren at Mill Creek were unable to make arrangements to meet at that time this year.

Brother W. S. Self let us all about it?

Other Tomkies will enter at once on their work as Secretary of the Board. All letters for the past must be directed to him at Kingston. Letters coming from all directions in the State testify that the brethren are in full sympathy with the Board, and its Secretary.

Brother G. M. Harrell says, "I extend my heart and hand to Brother Tomkies, the newly elected Secretary."

Rev. W. M. Reese, of Robeline, La., has been elected President of Lebanon College, and has accepted. He was educated at Mercer University, Ga., and came to the State about twelve years ago, and took charge of churches in the Robt. Mason Association. After a short pastorate he removed to Texas and founded the Sabine University. He impresses us as a man of solid worth, and we predict a bright future for this excellent institution.

What wonderful men these Harrells are! Father and two sons, consecrated to the work of the ministry, all working like bees. O, the land were full of them!

G. M. Harrell's reference to the above to his reception by his church, reminds us of what Dr. W. F. Broadbent used to say. He said that while he was pastor of a church, he tried to be like himself in such a manner that when he resigned and went away, all ever had occasion to visit him, they wouldn't set the dogs on him.

Rev. G. M. Harrell writes us date of August 22nd, "It was my privilege to assist Elder C. McKimmer in a meeting of days at his church—Spring Ridge, near Pleasant Hill, last week, where we had a precious revival. I served the church three years as pastor, and it was quite a treat to meet with the brethren and sisters again. Left the meeting on Friday and hard from it on Monday following. It was still in progress with twenty eight added up to that time. We began a meeting last Saturday at Antioch, near Mansfield, where I have been pastor for nearly six years. I was assisted in the meeting by Brother W. R. Carroll, a licentiate and a member of that church, who did most of the preaching. He preached the word with power and great acceptance to the people. He is entering heartily in the work of the ministry, and a bright future is before him. Our church closed yesterday with five

happier, and without framing honest purposes to be and to do better. Christians were made to love each other more, to be more in sympathy with each other, to determine to be more helpful to each other, and to co-operate with each other more fully in Christian effort and work.

Some results of this renewed purpose and effort: Thirty members were received in the church; three by letter, and twenty-seven by baptism. We expect others soon. Truly the Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad. Eight of these accessions were husbands and wives, and perhaps not less than twenty were adults. "Magnify the Lord with us, and let us exalt his name together."

J. B. PARKINS.

AUGUST 24th, 1885.

HOLLY SPRINGS CHURCH, LA.

Our meeting began at Holly Springs church August 15th. The pastor being absent, Brother A. N. Walker and myself were requested to carry on the meeting. We were assisted afterward by Brother J. A. Walker. Four persons were added to the church as a result of the meeting: one by letter, one by restoration, and two for baptism. The church was greatly revived, and others are expected soon, as the result of the Spirit of God working

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The meeting at Ebenezer church continued eight days, and resulted in the addition of sixteen members; twelve by baptism, one by letter, one by restoration, and two received, but not yet baptized. We had the faithful earnest and able labors of Elder Z. T. Leavell, of Natchez, Miss., during the meeting. There was with the church and congregation the earnest desire that Brother Leavell should remain and continue the meeting a week longer. But this he could not do. Brother C. H. Green was with us three or four days, preaching acceptably one sermon, and helped with the earnest prayers. The church is revived and encouraged.

May those who have during the meetings, "put on Christ," be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

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W. L. SKINNER,
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OAKLAND, MISS.

We are in a glorious revival here at Spring Hill church. The meeting began ten days since, and will likely continue for some days. Many have found Jesus precious, and forty-four joined the church last night, and more to follow. Brother Farmer, the beloved pastor, is doing fine service for the Master, and will doubtless write at close of meeting.

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OKOLONA, MISS.

Our series of services conducted by Brother Venable has closed. We sometimes hear it proposed under such circumstances to state the final result. We feel sure it is beyond the power of man to tell what will be the final result of such faithful presentation of the gospel truth as our congregations heard for eighteen successive days, concluding with last Friday's services. When in the final day God shall marshal the hosts saved by "the power of God unto salvation," it may possibly be known with what results he crowned the efforts of people here. But we believe you will rejoice with us when apprised of the results, even so far as our observation extends.

The congregations daily and steadily increased until the close. There was a general attendance of Christians throughout the town, and a realization of need that induced hearty co-operation. And we sincerely believe not one person attended and went away without believing that God's word was true.

Brother D. H. Burt was with me some. The church will call him for next year. We organized a Sunday-school. May God help them on with their good work, to whom we give all praise.

R. M. BOONE.

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NOTICE.

TO THE CHURCHES OF CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

I hereby announce that the time of the meeting of the Central Association will be on Friday before the third Sabbath in October next, instead of on Friday before the 2d Sabbath, as originally appointed—just one week later. This change has been made by request of the Brandon church, with which the Association is to convene. And the church has made this request because the meeting of the Association at the time first appointed will conflict with the annual Methodist camp-meeting, which will be going on at the same time, within a few miles of the town.

Delegates, messengers and visitors will please notice this change and act accordingly.

J. L. PETRIKOW,
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